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### 1. CHINA

PRC SCIENTISTS WILL FOR 1ST TIME ATTEND INTL CONF ATTENDED  
BY ROC SCIENTISTS IN TOKYO STARTING NEXT WK, INTL UNION OF  
PURE AND APPLIED PHYSICS (IUPAP) CONF ORGANIZERS SAID IN  
TOKYO WEDS (REUTER TOKYO).  
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NCNA WEDS BLAMED WEAKNESS OF US ECON FOR LACK OF CONFIDENCE  
IN DOL. IN HK-MONITORED REPORT, NCNA SAID US NOW HAS HUGE  
TRADE DEFICIT AS RESULT OF ITS BIG OIL IMPORTS, AND ITS  
INFLATION RATE REMAINS HIGH. ADDED: "PEOPLE ALL OVER THE  
WORLD HAVE LOST THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE US DOLLAR. MANY  
DOLLAR-HOLDERS HAVE TURNED TO GOLD OR OTHER STRONGER  
CURRENCIES" (REUTER HK).

AP (BUCHAREST) REPORTS HUA KUO-FENG ARRIVES ROMANIA WEDS  
FOR VISIT VIEWED BY SOVIETS AS ATTEMPT CHALLENGE RUSSIAN

INFLUENCE IN EUR. NOTES USSR AND ALLIES CONTINUED  
PROPAGANDA WAR AGAINST CHINESE RIGHT UP TO EVE OF HUA'S  
VISIT, ISSUING SERIES OF BITING COMMUNIQUE FROM BREZHNEV'S  
CRIMEAN SUMMER RETREAT.

## 2. THAILAND/VIETNAM

VIET PM PHAM VAN DONG WILL VISIT THAILAND SOON AS PART OF  
DIPLO OFFENSIVE BY HANOI AIMED AT IMPROVING RELS W/  
SEASIA'S NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. ANNOUNCING VISIT TUES,  
THAI PM KRIANGSAK GAVE NO DATUT SAID IT WOULD PRECEDE  
TRIP TO BANGKOK IN NOV BY CHINESE VICE PREMIER (REUTER  
BANGKOK 8/15).

## 3. VIETNAM

CSM'S KULKARNI (HK) SAYS HANOI HAS SENT US ANOTHER  
"URGENT SIGNAL" TO SPEED NORMALIZATION RELS. SAYS LATEST  
MESSAGE CAME THRU 4-MEMBER US QUAKER DEL THAT VISITED VN  
RECENTLY. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP QUOTED "NHAN DAN" EDITOR  
THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR NEGOTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLO RELS.  
SAYS EXPECTED DEL WILL CONVEY MESSAGE TO REP MONTGOMERY  
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(D-MISS), WHO WILL VISIT HANOI 8/20-27 TOGETHER W/DOD  
OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN IDENTIFYING MIAS. SAYS DEP FONMIN  
HENG ASSURED GROUP HANOI WILL NO LONGER USE LANGUAGE  
"EVEN REMOTELY...REMINISCENT OF DEMANDING AID FOR  
ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION."

VNA REPORTED TUES THAT SOME 700,000 PEOPLE HAVE LEFT HCM  
CITY FOR VILLAGES OR NEW ECON ZONES SINCE '75. ALSO SAID  
INVESTMENT IN AGRIC INCR 3 TIMES, HOUSE BUILDING DOUBLED,  
INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT LAST YR WAS MORE THAN 11 PCT HIGHER THAN  
IN '75 (REUTER BANGKOK 8/15). CSM (HK) ADDS THAT AGENCY  
REPORTED VN HAS RECLAIMED MORE THAN 2 MIL ACRES FARM LAND,  
THAT ALL AGRIC IN SOUTH WILL BE COLLECTIVIZED BY '80.

## 4. VIETNAM/CHINA

PRC/SRV HAVE ADJOURNED HANOI TALKS ON STATUS ETHNIC CHINESE  
W/O INDICATING WHEN THEY WOULD RESUME (WP).

ETHNIC CHINESE WHO ESCAPED VN/FOUND WAY TO REFUGEE CAMP  
FOR VIET BOAT PEOPLE, DISPUTE PRC ALLEGATIONS THAT SRV  
TAKING DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES AGAINST CHINESE IN VN.  
BUT, IN SERIES INTERVIEWS, THEY SAID MEASURES AGAINST  
PRIVATE BUSINESSES WERE STRIKING HARD AT CHOLON. NYT  
NEWS SERVICE ARTICLE (SONGKLA, WSTAR 8/15) SAYS REASON  
TRADITIONALLY STAUNCHLY ANTI-PEKING CHINESE IN CHOLON WOULD  
WANT JOIN EXODUS FROM VN LIES PRINCIPALLY IN ATTRITION OF  
THEIR TRADITIONAL WAYS OF EARNING LIVING. NOTES SOME ALSO

HAVE HEARD THAT EMIGRATION TO W COUNTRY IS FEASIBLE FROM CHINA, OTHERS THAT PRC/VN WAR POSSIBLE.

TWO NCNA CORRESPONDEES DEFENDED THEMSELVES TUES AGAINST CHARGES IN VN'S COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER THAT THEY HAD FILED "SLANDEROUS" STORIES ABOUT CLASH BETWEEN VIET SECURITY FORCES/ETHNIC CHINESE. NEWSMEN SAID THEY WERE TAKEN TO POLICE HDQTRS IN HANOI FOR 2 HRS QUESTIONING MONDAY.  
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THEY TOLD AFP, "WE STICK TO OUR VERSION OF THE EVENTS. WE DID NOT SEE THE INCIDENT OURSELVES, BUT WE HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN OUR SOURCES." THEY HAD REPORTED THAT VIET PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES HAD USED TEAR GAS/WATER HOSES TO DISLODGE 100 CHINESE FROM HOTEL AT HANOI RR STATION (WP HANOI).

#### 5. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

IN RADIO PP BROADCAST, CAMBODIA ACCUSED VN OF ALLOWING USSR SET UP MIL BASES IN VN--1ST TIME CAMBODIA HAS MADE CHARGE. ALSO SAID VN WANTS "SWALLOW CAMBODIA IN A SINGLE GULP" (LAT 8/14).

#### 6. JAPAN

SMALL BAND ANTI-MILITARISTS DEMONSTRATED TUES AGAINST FUKUDA'S VISIT TO SHRINE TO HONOR 3 MILLION WAR DEAD ON 33RD ANNIVERSARY JAPAN'S WWII DEFET (JOC).

GOJ MOVED WEDS TO DEFUSE POL/RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING PM'S VISIT TO SHRINE. CHIEF CABINET SECY ABE TOLD PARLIAMENTARY CMTE FUKUDA VISITED SHRINE IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY; BUT SOCIALIST IWATARE SAID PREMIER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACTING IN PRIVATE CAPACITY, BECAUSE HE USED OFFICIAL AUTO/WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CABINET MINISTERS/WROTE HIS TITLE IN VISITORS' BOOK. CHRISTIAN ASSN'S SHOJI SAID VISIT WOULD LEAD TO RESTORATION OF MILITARISM IN JAPAN (REUTER TOKYO).

SUN CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF EMPEROR DELIVERING SPEECH TUES BEFORE CHRYSANTHEMUM-DECKED ALTAR WHILE EMPRESS BOWED HEAD.

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REUTER'S KOJIMA REPORTS JAPANESE INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT ARE UNDER ORDERS TO SHOOT DOWN, IF NECESSARY, ANY MIL PLANE VIOLATING JAPAN'S AIR SPACE, KETICHI ITOH (DIR, DEFENSE AGENCY'S DEFENSE AFFAIRS BUREAU) TOLD PARLIAMENT WEDS. ACCORDING ITOH, INTERCEPTORS WOULD 1ST ORDER INTR

EITHER LEAVE AIR SPACE OR LAND ON JAPANESE SOIL--BUT INTERCEPTORS ENTITLED SHOOT DOWN INTRUDERS, IF NECESSARY. AMPLIFYING "IF NECESSARY," DEFENSE AGENCY OFFICIALS SAID LATER THAT THEY MEANT JAPANESE FIGHTER COULD SHOOT DOWN INTRUDER IF IT USED FIRE POWER WHICH ENDANGERED LIVES/ PROPERTY.

DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAID JAPANESE FIGHTERS WERE SCRAMBLED NEARLY 500 TIMES LAST YR TO CONFRONT SOVIET AIRCRAFT APPROACHING JAPANESE AIR SPACE. ONLY 6 VIOLATIONS--5 BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT/ONE BY UNIDENTIFIED PLANE--SINCE '58, OFFICIAL ADDED.

IN TOKYO, CSM'S OKA FINDS JAPAN REASSESSING ITS MIL CAPABILITIES AS MOMENTUM TO REARM GROWS. SAYS, IN NAVAL SPHERE, JAPAN'S MAJOR WARTIME CONTRIBUTION TO JOINT DEFENSE OF WPAC WOULD BE KEEP SOVIET SUBS BOTTLED UP IN JAPAN SEA.

AGRIC/FORESTRY/FISHERIES MINISTRY ANNOUNCES JAPAN IS EXPECTED HAVE 6 MIL TONS OF SURPLUS RICE THIS FALL DUE TO IMBALANCE IN PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION (BALT NA 8/15).

#### 7. KOREA

ROK/CANADA BEGAN THEIR 5TH ANNUAL TRADE MINISTERS MTG IN SEOUL WEDS TO DISCUSS WIDE-RANGING CO-OP, COMMERCE INDUSTRY MINISTER SAID (REUTER SEOUL).

#### 8. PHILIPPINES

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IN 1ST OF SERIES, JOC'S BARNETT (SFO) SAYS PHIL AIRLINES EXPERIENCING "EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES." QUOTES US CARGO SALES MGR THAT PAL HAS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE/ FOLLOW IT UP. SAID THEY OFFERED GUARANTEED SPACE FOR CARGO SHIPMENTS/WENT AFTER FIRMS TO WHOM TIME WAS IMPORTANT. BY TIME BIGGER AIRLINES BEGAN IMPROVING THEIR SERVICE, SAID PHIL AIRLINES HAD Foothold IN MRKT. BARNETT SAYS NOW AIRLINE IS LOOKING TO EXPANDED SERVICE TO SFO/LA.

PHILS SUGAR COMM CHRMN HAS REVEALED PLAN TO IMPOSE SUGAR PROD QUOTAS TO AVOID SURPLUSES ENTAILING HUGE STORAGE/ HANDLING COSTS. STRATEGY INCL BUILDING NEW REFINERIES TO INCR PROD/LESSEN COUNTRY'S DEPENDENCE ON MRKT (JOC MANILA).

#### 9. AUSTRALIA

CSM'S WARNER (MELBOURNE) SAYS GOINITIATED INQUIRY INTO ITS RELS W/3RD WORLD/INTENDS MAKE PROPOSALS FOR DEVEL

THAT RELATIONSHIP. SAYS GOA WANTS INVOLVE 3RD WORLD IN BRINGING ABOUT WORLD ECON RECOVERY, MAKE AUSSIE TECH/SKILLS MORE AVAILABLE. NOTES GOA INCREASED ITS SUPPORT FOR MULTI-LAT AGENCIES BY NEARLY 50 PCT LAST YR.

JOC SPEC (CANBERRA) OBSERVES BOTH BUSINESS/LABOR EXPRESSED CONCERN TUES ABOUT LIKELY EFFECTS TAX RISES/GOVT SPENDING CURBS IN NEW GOA BUDGET. QUOTES AUSSIE COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS PRES THAT BUDGET IS "COMPLETE CONFIDENCE TRICK"/ OPPOSITION LEADER HAYDEN, "A DISASTER FOR AUSTRALIA." CONFEDERATION OF AUSSIE INDUSTRY PRES SAID GOVT NEEDS CAREFULLY MONITOR SITUATION, THO HE CONGRATULATED GOVT ON HAVING COURAGE TO MAKE HARD DECISIONS.

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REFERRING TO COAL FACILITY NEW JERSEY FIRM IS PLANNING BUILD ON PELICAN ISL, GALVESTON WHARVES EXEC DIR TOLD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT AMOUNT OF COAL PORT COULD OBTAIN FROM AUSTRALIA WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION, THAT AUSTRALIA/NSW COULD SUPPLY 20 PCT OF NEEDS FOR AREA W/IN 200 MI OF GALVESTON BY '80 (MANTROP, JOC).

#### 10. GENERAL

UPI (STLP-D 8/13) NOTES THAT IN THIS SEEMINGLY PEACEFUL SUMMER, MUCH OF WORLD IS STILL AT WAR. SAYS ASIA HAS LARGEST ARMED CONFLICTS IN TERMS OF ESTIMATED TROOP COMMITMENTS, PRIMARILY BY VN/CAMBODIA. OBSERVES THIS CONFLICT AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS SHARE ONE CHARACTERISTIC: THERE IS PRACTICALLY NO INDEPENDENT NEWS COVERAGE, THEREFORE LITTLE INFO THAT IS NOT SPOTTY, INCOMPLETE, CIRCULATED BY ONE OF FACTIONS INVOLVED. IN WORLDWIDE RUNDOWN, ARTICLE CITES FOLLOWING CONFLICTS IN ASIA: VIETNAM/CAMBODIA--TRADITIONAL ENEMIES HAVE RESUMED BORDER WARFARE COMPOUNDED BY DIFFERENCE IN POL PHILOSOPHY; PHILIPPINES--MORO NLF MOSLEM REBELLION DATING FROM '72 CONTINUES W/GOP FORCES NUMBERING 75,000, REBELS 20,000; BURMA--WHILE NOT STRICTLY WAR, SAYS BURMESE EXPULSION OF NEARLY 00 MOSLEMS INTO BANGLADESH IS EQUIVALENT IN TERMS OF HUMAN SUFFERING/SOCIAL DISRUPTION, IS ONE OF LARGEST FORCED MIGRATIONS IN HISTORY; INDONESIA--FRETILIN IND MOVEMENT IS FIGHTING FEROCIOUS BATTLE AGAINST INDO FORCES ON E TIMOR WHERE REBELS CONTROL 85 PCT OF FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY.

#### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 11. CAMBODIA

JACK ANDERSON (WP)CONTENDSCAMBODIANS WHO MANAGE FLEE INTO

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THAILAND BEING REWARDED W/EVEN MORE MISERY/TORMENT. SAYS  
THEY ARE CAST INTO REFUGEE COMPOUNDS WHERE THEY ARE  
BEATEN/RAPED/SOMETIMES MURDERED. QUOTES REFUGEES THAT  
UNTIL FEB THIS YR, THAI MILITIA/POLICE TURNED AWAY/SHOT

MOST CAMBODIANS TRYING ENTER THAILAND, THAT MORE THAN  
1,000 KILLED TRYING CROSS BORDER. SAYS THAI OFFICIALS/  
DOS DENY THIS WHILE NOTING REFUGEE FLOW HAS SLOWED TO  
TRICKLE. OF THOSE WHO MAKE IT ACROSS, SAYS THEY ARE  
IMPRISONED IF CAN'T PROVE THEY ARE GENUINE POL REFUGEES.  
SAYS REFUGEES REFER TO CORRUPT/BRUTAL CAMP CMDRS AS "THAI  
GODS," THAT BRUTALITY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY AMERICAN  
OBSERVERS. CHRISTOPHER

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